



**1107th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**

7:30PM Wednesday July 23, 2008

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San Francisco, California**

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**The Coinages of England and Spain beyond
the Pillars of Hercules**

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Please join us Wednesday, July 23, 2008 to hear Elliot M. Wehner compare and contrast Spanish and English colonial coinage. Continuing on a colonial theme from the May meeting members are encouraged to bring examples from their collections.

1105th meeting, Colonial American Coinage *Scott Annechino*

Scott Annechino's presentation was an introduction to American Colonial Coinage. Drawing on his extensive collection to show us examples, Scott detailed many of the coins made specifically for the American colonies. Examples from Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Virginia were shown. We saw a Talbot, Album and Lee halfpence, also known as a British Conder token. A Castorland medal issued for the French colonies was interesting. Wood's Hibernia coinage issued for Ireland but used almost exclusively in the American colonies was also shown. An elephant token and an even rarer copy of it provided an interesting pair.

We learned from Elliot that the Virginia halfpenny, of which Scott showed several, was the only American colonial coin struck at the Tower mint in London. This was a result of Virginia's commonwealth charter. But the largest part of Scott's collection were the Vermont coppers, which could be a talk all by itself.

May 2008 Exhibits

John brought auction price lists from Stack's for the years 1960 - 1972 to give away. Thank you!

Ed showed two 2006 Dalai Lama congressional bronze and copper Peace medals. They were introduced in Congress by Diane Feinstein and the late Tom Lantos. He also had a June,

1910 Argentina 100th anniversary coin with a lighthouse on it. It was issued to recognize the construction of an asylum.

Ken showed a bronze tsuko from Japan. It takes 40 of them to equal 1 gold coin of the series. *Ken* also brought a British, George II, one guinea piece that could have circulated in the American colonies.

Michael showed three pieces - a Vermont 1788 copper halfpence, a Hibernia 1/2 pence from 1723, and a Delaware 1776, 4 shilling note, which was common currency at the time. On the back was a quote warning "to counterfeit is death".

Federico showed a Costa Rican 1871 5 centavos from 1865. He now has 73 uncirculated coins to complete his set.

Jerry brought an Anguilla liberty dollar, with a counterstamp made by Scott Newhall (of the SF Chronicle) and others who wanted to make Anguilla independent. This coin was made here in San Francisco.

Whalen showed a 5 mil and a 1 mil emergency school tax token with the Zia sun symbol on them. They are from New Mexico, 1935.

May 2008 Raffle

Jerry won a silver 1953 Panama 1/2 Balboa.

Whalen won a U S Grant medal and a 1971- S, 40% silver Ike dollar.

Ed took home three 1944 Phillipine coins and a 1989 US proof set.

2008 Annual Banquet

The annual banquet was held again as the 1106th meeting at the Gold Mirror Italian Restaurant with 21 members and guests attending. A change this year was to have a luncheon instead of a dinner. The food was delicious and enjoyed by all. The famous PCNS Bingo was played again with Sandra winning many prizes. A 25 year membership silver medal was presented to Mark W. Clark (out of town recipients will have theirs mailed).

Feedback on the banquet is always appreciated. Let President Castillo know if you have opinions!

Future presentations:

August 2008: Need a volunteer!

September 2008: Need a volunteer!

October 2008: Steve Huston

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